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1. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT SADAT'S RECENTLY CONCLUDED TOUR OF KUWAIT, IRAQ, SYRIA AND JORDAN DID NOT RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURES IN EGYPTIAN/ARAB POLICY, IT WAS NEVERTHELESS IMPORTANT IN SETTING STAGE FOR SALZBURG SUMMIT AS FAR AS EGYPT AND REST OF ARAB WORLD CONCERNED. WE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION
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ON TOUR BEYOND PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND PRESS REPORTS, BUT BELIEVE

SEVERAL OUTSTANDING FEATURES BEAR MENTIONING.

2. ARAB TOUR CONVEIEVED OF BY PRESIDENT SADAT TO SOME DEGREE AS APOLOGIA FOR HAVING NEGLECTED TO CONSULT OTHER ARAB LEADERS ON DECISION TO HOLD SALZBURG SUMMIT. WHILE SADAT'S SENSITIVITY TOWARD ACCUSATION OF GOING SEPARATE WAY ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES DOES NOT APPEAR GREAT ENOUGH TO HAVE FORCED HIM INTO PRIOR CONSULTATIONS, IT CERTAINLY WENT DEEP ENOUGH TO REQUIRE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT TO PURSUE EARNEST AND TIMELY FENCE MENDING EXERCISE.

3. BEYOND APOLOGIA, TRIP DESIGNED TO ARRIVE AT SOME KIND OF ARAB CONSENSUS, TO WORK OUT AND CONSOLIDATE POSITIONS OF IMPORTANT LEADERS OF AT LEAST EASTERN ARAB STATES. THIS ESSENTIAL IF SADAT WAS TO SPEAK AT SALZBURG WITH CONFIDENCE AND CREDIBILITY AS ARAB SPOKESMAN RATHER THAN SIMPLY AS EGYPTIAN LEADER. FACT THAT NO EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT HAS PREVIOUSLY VISITED EITHER IRAQ OR JORDAN WAS IN ITSELF SEEN BY ARAB LEADERS AS INDICATION OF SADAT'S SINCERITY IN SEEKING STRONGLY BASED ARAB SOLIDARITY.

4. REVIEW OF PRESS REPORTS AND PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS INDICATE THAT SADAT'S EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THIS CONSENSUS WAS INDEED QUITE SUCCESSFUL, WITH PALESTINIANS AS ONLY POSSIBLE EXCEPTION. (COMMENT: THIS HINTED AT WHEN SADAT SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION DURING DAMASCUS PRESS CONFERENCE THAT ISSUE OF PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA CONFERENCE MUST BE WORKED OUT BY PALESTINIANS THEMSELVES.) EFFORTS TO WIDEN SCOPE OF SOLIDARITY IN PREPARATION FOR SALZBURG SUMMIT CONTINUE AS PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR ASHRAF MARWAN AND MIN HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION OSMAN AHMAD OSMAN CARRY PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES TO DOHA, ABU DHABI AND RIYADH. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON HAS ALREADY CONVEYED MESSAGE FROM SADAT TO LEBANESE PRESIDENT FRANGIE.

5. OBVIOUS SUCCESS OF SADAT'S TOUR OF ARAB STATES UNDERSCORES EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT'S PRE-EMINENCE IN BOTH ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL ARENAS. ALTHOUGH DISCUSSIONS CERTAINLY CONCENTRATED ON ARRIVING AT ARAB CONSENSUS VIS-A-VIS ARAB ISRAELI CONFLICT IN PRE-SLAZBURG CONTEXT, SADAT FURTHER ENHANCED HIE POSITION AS AREA STATESMAN BY PLAYING CENTRAL MEDIATOR ROLE IN SEVERAL BI-LATERAL ARAB ISSUES. FONMIN FAHMY'S CHEF DE CABINET AL-BAZ TELLS US IRAQUIS
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EXPRESSED UNRESERVED READINESS ACCEPT ANY EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL RE METHOD FOR NEGOTIATING RESOLUTION OF IRAQ-KUWAIT BORDER CONFLICT, MUCH TO GOE SURPRISE. ON EUPHRATES WATER ISSUE, SADAT STATED IN BAGHDAD HE WOULD TRY TO HELP; HIS DESPATCHING OF MARWAN TO BAHGDAD WITH MESSAGE TO SADDAM FOLLOWING DAMASCUS MEETINGS IS SEEN AS INDICATION OF POSITIVE MOVEMENT. ON YET A THIRD FRONT, SADAT HAS SAID HIS MESSAGE TO FRANGIE INCLUDED DISCUSSION OF RECENT PALESTINIAN/PAHALANGIST CLASHES. IN RETURN

FOR MEDIATION EFFORTS, GOE HAS SO FAR RECEIVED ONLY PROMISE IRAQI OIL. (REFTEL) OSMAN MAY BE ABLE TO GARNER MORE ASSISTANCE DURING CURRENT GULF AND PENINSULAR SWING.

6. SADAT THUS GOES TO SALZBURG WITH FULL SUPPORT OF IMPORTANT ARAB LEADERS. HE MADE NO PREDICTIONS AS TO RESULT OF SUMMIT, BUT THROUGHOUT TOUR HE CAREFULLY EMPHASIZED THAT HE GOES TO SALZBURG ONLY TO "LISTEN". THIS, OF COURSE, FORECLOSES POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED ACCUSATIONS OF NEGOTIATING "SEPARATE PEACE", AND COUNTERS CRITICISM THAT HE IS PUTTING HIMSELF IN SOMEWHAT HUMILIATING POSITION BY AGREEING TO SEE FORD WITHOUT FIRST KNOWING RESULTS OF U.S. MIDDLES EAST REASSESSMENT. "LISTENER" STANCE, WE BELIEVE, REFLECTS ALSO TO SIGNIFICANT DEGREE SADAT'S OWN UNCERTAINTY AS TO ALL-IMPORTANT ATMOSPHERE OF MEETING WITH U.S. PRESIDENT AND DIRECTION TALKS WILL TAKE ONCE RAPPORT IS ESTABLISHED.
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